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EASTER, 1956

Easter, a major observance of the ecclesiastical year, falls on the first day of April this year. The observance occurs between March 22nd and April 25th each year, depending upon the moon.

The word "Easter" is derived from the Teutonic goddess, Eostre, whose festival was celebrated each spring, according to several sources. Her name was supposedly given to the observance and celebration of the Resurrection.

It is interesting to note that eggs became symbolical of Easter at a very early date. In fact, the egg was used to represent a symbol of new life before the Resurrection.

The connection of rabbits with Easter eggs, as we now know it in origin, and it is thought that the Egyptians, the Persians, the Greeks and the Romans all used eggs in this way.

The connection o frabbits with Easter eggs, as we now know it in the United States, is derived from the old pagan custom which regarded rabbits as emblems of fertility—as emblems of new life.

It was only during the Nineteenth Century and the war days of 1861-65, that non-ritualistic churches began elaborate observances of Easter. These were initiated to bring as much consolation as possible to the homes of those who had lost loved ones.

Easter, traditionally, carries the message of hope to all the Christian world, and therefore is a major spiritual event. The religious significance of Easter is often overlooked, but it should be stressed, along with the Easter eggs, bunny rabbits and mystic customs which bring so much exhileration and joy to children.

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THE SOUTHERN MANIFESTO

One of the most significant byproducts of the recent Southern manifesto in Congress might be a speeding up of the trend toward a third political party.

While it is too early to predict that a third party will emerge from a divided Democratic Party, it was interesting to note that the presentation of the Southern manifesto in Congress recently was a most solemn event, so grave that neither supporters nor opponents of the resolution spoke a bitter word.

It is certain that no such manifesto, involving a repudiation of the Supreme Court by some one hundred members of Congress, has been placed on the record in recent years. Not only does the manifesto reflect upon the Supreme Court decision, but it lowers the prestige of the court. A hundred Senators and Congressmen cannot all be included in the hair-brained category.

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SOLVING THE PAPER SHORTAGE

A suggestion which might have considerable merit has recently been made. It was suggested that the paper shortage facing newspapers of the United States, and many other firms, by solved by planting croplands used to produce crops, which are now in surplus, in pulpwood. We are not experts enough in the problem of the manufacture of paper to know whether this proposed solution is a practical one.

However, we do know that Canadian paper producers have U. S. producers, and U. S. businesses requiring large amounts of paper, over a barrel, so to speak. It is no secret that the Canadian producers are gouging newspapers in this country. The business in the way of price increases, hiked periodically. This has resulted in greatly increased cost of publication. Virtually all newspapers have greatly increased their advertising and subscription rates, and The Times-Virginian has overdelayed doing so.

The demand for paper and paper products will continue to boom. It would seem that more pulpwood in the U. S. is a necessity.

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IN A WAY, IT COULD BE A PARTY BLESSING

Prior to the Minnesota Primary, it was generally conceded that Adlai Stephenson had the inside track to the Democratic nomination for President. The tremendous victory of Senator Estes Kefauver in that primary, now causes the Democratic Party leaders to reappraise the situation as to the Stephenson candidacy. In that re-appraisal, the likelihood of a "dark horse" features as strongly as does the availability of the Tennessee Senator. As of now, Mr. Stephenson has been hurt in his bid for another nomination. If he loses the California primary, it could be that he would stand only a fair chance of landing the nod. The entire situation, in our opinion, is healthy, for the party, for it brings the selection of a nominee into a wide open, fluid race, and may tend to avoid ending up with a candidate who had weaknesses that had not been fully understood. We believe that the party may now come up with a stronger candidate, provided the rival interests do not go beyond the bounds of compromise needed to insure solid party support for the eventual nominee. You can be assured that the party leaders are now looking over the field in a new appraisal.

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IKE ASKS $4,900,000,000

President Eisenhower has asked Congress for $4,900,000,000 in foreign aid funds for the current fiscal year.

The President, in a message to Congress recently, coupled this with a plea that the Administration be allowed more freedom in spending foreign aid funds.

The request for foreign aid this year is surprisingly large. In the current fiscal year, $2,700,000,000 was appropriated by Congress. Thus, the request for fiscal 1957 is more than two billion dollars above the figure approved for the current fiscal year, and probably will not be granted by Congress.

It seems that the Administration is asking for almost five billion dollars in hopes of getting something over the $2,700,000,000 figure approved last year. We believe foreign aid should be limited to a figure comparable to the figure voted last year, or one lower than that.

The foreign aid program has been an outstanding success in some countries, but it has been a dismal failure in some which have received high outlays.

Further large-scale commitments to countries such as France are unjustified and we believe many members of Congress will reflect such an attitude in their votes on the foreign aid measure this year. U. S. aid should tend more to the lending category instead of outright grants, or gifts.

As rehabilitation aid in Europe, it is now eleven years since the end of World War II and there is little excuse for a continuance of this program, which has already largely been terminated. The only justification for further aid is in helping our allies, and encouraging those who are resisting Communism in the face of pressure from the Communists. And, even this aid should take the form of loans to a greater extent than it has in the past.

Washington Notes

CONSUMER DEBT

In 1955, consumer credit rose $6,100,000,000 to a total of $36,225,000,000. The largest contributing factor was installment financing of automobiles. However, in January, consumer credit declined $671,000,000 and was expected to continue to decline during February and March, because heavy repayments are paring away at the big debt built up last year.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

Industrial production in this country remained at near record levels in February, according to Federal Reserve Board reports. The February industrial output index was pegged at 143, on a seasonably adjusted basis. This was the same level as in January and only one point below the December peak.

PLANT EXPANSION

Plant expansion in 1956 will take an investment of $35,000,000,000, or 22 per cent more than was spent in 1955, according to a joint report by the Department of Commerce and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

N. O. T. C. CALLS

The Army has announced that two-thirds of the 15,000 Reserve Officer Training Corps graduates, scheduled for active duty in the year starting July 1, would be called up for two years' service. The other one-third will take six months active training and then would be assigned to active participation with Army Reserve units.

WEST POINT

The United States Military Academy observed the 154th anniversary of the establishment of the academy on March 16th. Robert T. Stevens, former Secretary of the Army, was the guest of honor for that occasion.

'56 CROP REDUCTIONS

The Agriculture Department has forecast a corn crop of 3,000,000,000 bushels this year on the basis of farmers' planting plan as of March 1, assuming average acre yields. This would be an 184,836,000 bushel less total than for last year's crop. The ten-year average (1944-1953) was 3,080,115,000 bushels. The prospective spring wheat crop would be 44,787,000 bushels less than 1955's production.

SURPLUS BUTTER

The Agriculture Department recently reported that its shelves of surplus products had been entirely emptied of butter, largely through give-away programs. Stocks of butter reached a peak of 466,000,000 pounds in mid-1954. Some 900,000,000 pounds have been either moved into use or have been committed for disposal.

NEW HOUSING

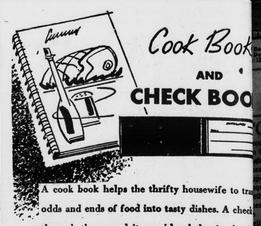
Applications to the Federal Housing Administration for insurance commitments on new housing were reported at 18,500 in February, as compared with 15,600 in January, and 13,400 in December.

DIPHTHERIA

The U. S. Public Health Service, reports that over outbreaks of diphtheria, has urged parents to make sure their children were fully protected. There is an epidemic in and around Michigan City, Ind. Sharp outbreaks have been reported in California, Kentucky, Alabama, South Carolina and Georgia.

FARMERS HOLDING ON

Despite a prolonged decline in their prices and incomes, most farmers are holding their lands, according to the Department. The few who are bringing higher prices this year, an average increase of 4 cent for the country.



Cook Book AND CHECK BOOK

A cook book helps the thrifty housewife to trade odds and ends of food into tasty dishes. A check through the record it provides, helps in the family management of the family's funds.

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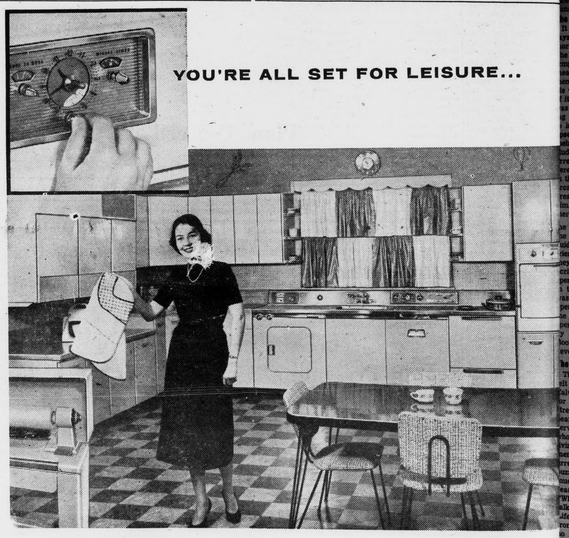

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International Uniform Sunday School Lesson

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Background Scripture: Luke 24:1-53. Devotional Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8.

Christ Lives

Lesson for April 1, 1956

"CHRIST is risen!" The words will be said and sung many thousand times this Easter. What do they mean? Let us leave out of account all those to whom the words mean nothing but a vestige of superstition at the worst, a picturesque symbol of something altogether different, at best. What do the words mean to those who do believe them? It is possible to believe this sentence literally and literally, and yet be dead to their real meaning as they were a further report of an ancient miracle. They are interesting. Do you feel a sort of rapture on reading about a fresh in Pharaoh's palace, the waste-logs? Does it help your malaria to read about the cures Paul did at Ephesus?

Yesterday's miracles may even discouraging, just because they are yesterday's. The Resurrection of Christ is not in a class with any other miracle. For the early Christians it was THE event of history.

An Opened Eye

It is no accident that the church ...rs and sings, "Christ is risen" more often than "Christ rose." The Resurrection is a kind of contemporary miracle. It has many meanings, but consider three of them. In the lives of the plain people who first experienced the truth it. Remember, the Resurrection opened their eyes. Then, as the disciples ate in the upper-room, as the bread was broken, again their eyes were opened, and they knew him. So he rises Christ today and always opens the eyes of men; inspired by him we understand God's book and God's Son as we can never do alone.

The Burning Heart

The second thing the disciples felt was a burning heart. John Calvin invented a coat of arms for himself, showing an outstretched hand and a burning heart, offered to God. It might serve as the coat of arms for all who have felt the presence of the living risen Christ. Two young men were arguing about the Resurrection, and they were greatly puzzled about it. They asked a much older man what were his reasons for believing it to be true. "Why," the old man said, "I just talked with Him this morning!" Life gains a warmth, a flame, from contact with Christ as from no other contact possible. Jesus as a historical character excites our curiosity, our imagination. Christ as a problem in theology excites us to think. But Christ is a living presence sets life on fire. Who are the people who witness most enthusiastically about Jesus? They are the ones who will say, "He walks with me and he talks with me . . ." That Jesus lived is interesting and important. That he lives, lives now, in me—that is life-changing.

The Hastening Feet

All around the world this Easter churches will be ringing with song and bright with flowers. In the most unlikely places, there are Christians. You will find that those churches in far places were started by men and women who believed in and knew the risen Christ. If there is a church which was itself "Christian" but does not believe in the Resurrection, its Christ is as dead as any other byone born. Such a church will not send many missionaries. A dead Christ hurries no man's footsteps, eases no man's burden, lights no man's hour of sorrow. Only the living Christ kindles the burning heart, opens the blind eyes, sets men's feet upon a rock, and sends them out, like the first Christians, to challenge a world in his name. The feet of the two men hastening from Emmaus were but the first of billions eager with God's good news.

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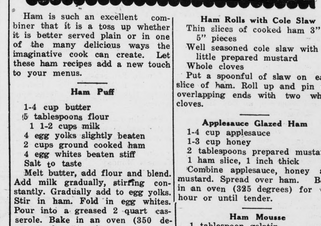

Dr. Foreman

Sarah Anne's COOKING CLASS

Ham is such an excellent combiner that it is a toss up whether it is better served plain or in one of the many delicious ways the imaginative cook can create. Let these ham recipes add a new touch to your menus.

Ham Puff

1-4 cup butter
5 tablespoons flour
1 1-2 cups milk
4 egg yolks slightly beaten
2 cups ground cooked ham
4 egg whites beaten stiff
Salt to taste

Melt butter, add flour and blend. Add milk gradually, stirring constantly. Gradually add to egg yolks. Stir in ham. Fold in egg whites. Pour into a greased 2 quart casserole. Bake in an oven (350 degrees) for 50 minutes.

Ham and Potatoes

1 slice ham 2 inches thick
1 1-2 cups potatoes sliced thin
2 cups milk

Cut off outside edges of fat. Put ham in a casserole. Cover with potatoes. Add milk. Cover and bake in an oven (350 degrees) for 1 1-2 hours.

Limas on Ham

1 inch slice of ham, center cut
2 cups canned or frozen baby limas
2 cups grated cheese

Broil ham, 3 inches from moderate heat for 10 minutes, turn and broil 10 minutes. Heat the canned limas or cook frozen limas. Drain and pile on slice of ham. Sprinkle with cheese. Return to broiler four inches from heat. Reduce heat and broil until cheese melts and is lightly browned.

Ham Rolls with Cole Slaw

Thin slices of cooked ham 3" x 5" pieces
Well seasoned cole slaw with a little prepared mustard
Whole cloves

Put a spoonful of slaw on each slice of ham. Roll up and pin the overlapping ends with two whole cloves.

Applesauce Glazed Ham

1-4 cup applesauce
1-3 cup honey
2 tablespoons prepared mustard
1 ham slice, 1 inch thick

Combine applesauce, honey and mustard. Spread over ham. Bake in an oven (325 degrees) for one hour or until tender.

Ham Mousse

1 tablespoon gelatin
1 tablespoon cold water
1-2 cup boiling water
2 cups boiled ham, chopped
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
Few grains cayenne
1-2 cup heavy cream whipped

Soak gelatin in cold water. Dissolve in hot water and add to ham. Season with mustard and cayenne. Add cream. Mold. Garnish with parsley.

'CANDY' PILLS FATAL

Pottstown, Pa.- Patricia Dudley, 4, thought the bottle of red pills given to her a week before by an 8-year-old aunt, were candy pills. She swallowed half of the contents of the bottle and became violently ill. Taken to a hospital, she was treated and discharged. She became ill again and was returned to the hospital, where she died.

Stonewall

Stonewall, March 27.- As next Sunday is Easter Sunday, let's every one try to go to church. There will be a Sunrise service held at Trinity Church next Sunday morning at 6:00 o'clock. The Rev. Aaron D. Smith is pastor of the church, and he gives everyone a cordial invitation to worship with them. Come one, come all, you ar e welcome.

Miss Kate Davidson is visiting her niece, Mrs. Layton Hayley and her family in Roanoke.

Mr. C. C. Chick, of Danville spent last Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler spent the week-end in Roanoke with relatives.

Mrs. Jack Caldwell Jr. and daughter, Kathy expect to spend the holidays with her parents in North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stratton, of Oakville spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Stratton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Laughan had their daughter, Mackie, and her family, from Blackstone, to spend the week-end with them.

The W. M. U. of Hebron Church met with Mrs. R. H. Thornhill last Tuesday night. Due to so much sickness, we had a small attendance. Mrs. O. R. Turner gave the program so nicely, and it was enjoyed by all present. After the business meeting, we were served delightful refreshments by our hostess, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Weldman.

Mrs. R. H. Thornhill and Mrs. Floyd Weidman visited Mrs. Lyle Caldwell in Lynchburg last Thursday. Mrs. Caldwell is still on the sick list and is back in the Virginia Baptist Hospital. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick, and his mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Collins, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilton Lee and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler last Sunday. Mr. Wheeler is on the sick list. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Taylor went with her class of boys and girls from Appomattox High School on a tour to Washington and other places of interest last Saturday. All report a wonderful trip, enjoyed by all.

The U. S. surplus - disposal plan gains in Europe.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

Whoever wants to lie need only begin to talk about the weather.
—Hausa Proverb.

Change of weather is the discourse of fools. -Thomas Fuller.

A cloudy day, or a little sunshine, have as great an influence on many constitutions as the most real blessings or misfortunes.
—Joseph Addison.

Weather varies every hundred miles. —Chines Proverb.

Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it. —Attributed to Mark Twain.

Canada plans to sell surplus grain to Russia.

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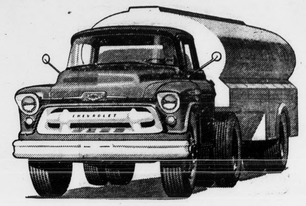

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